स्कीम के मापदण्ड के अनुसार पूरक पोषाहार उपलब्ध करवा रहे थे। शेष 23.50 प्रतिशत आंगनवाड़ी केन्द्र माह में 1-21 दिन की रेंज में पोषाहार उपलब्ध करवा रहे थे।

(घ) सरकार आई॰ सी॰ डी॰ एस॰ स्कीम को यथाशीघ्र सर्वव्यापी बनाने के लिए प्रतिबद्ध है। चालू वर्ष के दौरान, लगभग 460 नई आई॰ सी॰ डी॰ एस॰ परियोजनाएं स्वीकृत करने का प्रस्ताव है। उक्त भाग (ख) में उल्लिखित पिछड़ेपन के मानदण्ड के आधार पर नए ब्लाकों का पता लगाया जायेगा। देश में आई॰ सी॰ डी॰ एस॰ परियोजनाएं स्वीकृत करने का उद्देश्य कमजोर वर्गों के पोषाहार तथा स्वास्थ्य के स्तर में सुधार लाना है।

Introduction of mother tongue as medium of teaching in primary schools

710. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated some directives regarding the introduction of mother tongue as the medium of teaching in primary schools;

(b) whether any guidelines have been issued to the State Governments in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) The Policy of the government, in regard to medium of instruction at the primary stage is set out in Article 350 A of the Constitution and the National Policy on Education, 1986.

Covering new districts under Total Literacy Campaign

711. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for selecting new districts for Total Literacy Campaign;

(b) the details of the new districts selected in different States and Union Territories for the purpose;

(c) whether Government propose to launch this campaign in each and every district in the country; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in that direction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The project proposals for total literacy campaign are prepared in the districts by the Zilla Saksharata Samitis based on the criteria like educational resources available in the districts, level of preparedness for launching literacy campaign, the commitment of the State and district administration and creation of a demand for literacy generated through multi-media publicity leading to mass mobilisation.

The proposals from districts, as recommended by the State Governments, are initially scrutinised and are followed by pre-launch appraisal visits of a team of the National Literacy Mission representatives for reporting on the state of preparations made in the districts for launching of literacy campaigns. Based on the appraisal report, the district proposals are considered in the periodic meetings of the Project Approval Committee of the National Literacy Mission Authority.

(b) to (d) The objective of the National Literacy Mission is to cover 100 million persons in 345 districts of the country by the end of the Eighth Five-Year Plan. The Total Literacy Campaign has become

the principal strategy of the NLM for eradication of illiteracy, and so far 343 districts have been covered either fully or partially under total literacy campaigns in different parts of country. A State-wise statement indicating the number of districts covered under total literacy campaigns is attached.

List of States/Union Territories indicating number of districts covered under Total Literacy Campaigns

State/UT	No. of districts covered
Andhra Pradesh	23
Assam	18
Bihar	18
Delhi	1
Goa	2
Gujarat	19
Haryana	13
Himachal Pradesh	12
Jammu & Kashmir	1
Karnataka	19
Kerala	14
Madhya Pradesh	45
Maharashtra	22
Manipur	1
Meghalaya	3
Orissa	14
Punjab	7
Rajasthan	16
Tamil Nadu	21
Tripura	3
Uttar Pradesh	46
West Bengal	17
Chandigarh	1
Daman & Diu	2
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1
Pondicherry	4
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Sugarcane and Groundnut cultivation in Gujarat

712. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of land in Gujarat State particularly in Kachh Saurashtra Region under surgarcane and groundnut cultivation during the last three years, district-wise; and

(b) the amount of assistance given to State Government by the Central Government for undertaking research and development of groundnut oilseeds and sugarcane during the period, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) District-wise area in Gujarat State under sugarcane and groundnut cultivation during 1992-93, 1993-94 andf 1994-95 is annexed as statement. (*see* below)

(b) No Central assistance was provided to the Government of Gujarat for the development of sugarcane during the last three years as there was no centrally sponsored scheme for this purpose. However, for sugarcane research, the following assistance was provided to the State:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Scheme	Expenditure during the last three years		
	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
1. All India Coordination Research Project (AICRP) on Sugarcane	2.78	5.94	3.80
2. Sugarcane Adaptive Research Project (SARP)	18.48	18.29	8.15